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Vacancy Announcements

Omaha District

Omaha District will begin recruitment in August for a new DPM. Omaha is a full-service district with 1300 employees and an annual budget in excess of one-half billion dollars. It operates directly in 10 states, with 28 Tribes, across 26 military facilities, and virtually throughout the world due to its multiple centers of expertise (CX). This is a tremendous career opportunity for a qualified individual. Mr. Ken Cooper, current DPM, is retiring 3 January 2005. Ken's had an illustrious career – both active duty and civil service – so there are big shoes to fill. [Editor]

Little Rock District

Michael Craven -- SWDatSWF

Little Rock is recruiting for a supervisory GS-15, Chief of Planning, Environmental and Regulatory Division. The interdisciplinary announcement closes August 12. To apply see the [CPOL](#), use this announcement number, SWHB04993767 (Internal), and follow instructions.

Corps Completes Inventory Of Nonstructural Flood Reduction Projects

Jim Comiskey – [CEIWR-PA](#)

In cooperation with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers National Nonstructural Flood Proofing Committee, the Institute for Water Resources (IWR) recently completed a survey on nonstructural flood reduction control projects in all Corps districts. The purpose of this effort was to update a previous survey completed in 1999. Based on data received, there are over 110 projects that either are of a nonstructural nature or have a nonstructural component to a traditional structural project (45 projects). Ten Corps districts reported no nonstructural projects. Types of nonstructural measures, according to the survey, included flood proofing, raising and demolition of structures, acquisitions/buyouts, relocation of structures, and flood warning systems. By far the latter was the most popular type, accounting for about 60 percent of all such features reported.

About 45 of these 110 projects are in the planning stage, another 12 under construction, with 26 having been implemented. Cost for nonstructural features in Corps projects ranged from \$194 million for acquisition and raising of 800 homes in Passaic River Floodway (New York District) to small flood warning system costing about \$40,000. (POCs for the survey are Jim Comiskey/IWR/703-428-9068 and Stuart Davis/IWR/703-428-7086). [📖](#)

Updated Economist/Social Scientist Directory Available: Comparison with 1991 Shows Huge Drop-Off in Numbers


Stuart Davis – [CEIWR-IWR-MD](#)

The Corps of Engineers Economist/Social Scientist Directory has been updated and expanded, and is accessible from Corps computers. Simply click on the [link](#). Or, copy the URL into your browser's address bar. Directory information is available in Microsoft Excel and Word.

The number of economists and other social scientists listed in the directory has fallen from 586 in 1991, the last time a directory was assembled, to a current total of 183. Reductions have occurred in nearly every Corps office and social studies discipline. A spreadsheet will soon be available on the directory website that gives the results of the 1991-2004 comparison by discipline and by office. If the total for your office seems low or you have changes or updates to the list, please contact Stuart Davis 703/428-7086 Stuart.A.Davis@usace.army.mil or Shana Heisey 703/428-9088 Shana.A.Heisey@usace.army.mil. [📖](#)

Instructions for Contributors to Planning Ahead


This newsletter is designed to improve the communication among all the planners and those we work with throughout the Corps. We hope that future editions will have mostly information and perspective from those of you on the front lines in the districts. We hope that these notes become a forum for you to share your experiences to help all of us learn from each other. We can't afford to reinvent the wheel in each office. We welcome your thoughts, questions, success stories, and bitter lessons so that we can share them on these pages. The articles should be short (2-3 paragraphs) except in some cases where you just have to say more.

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Submissions Deadline

The deadline for material for the next issue is **30 August 2004**.

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